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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
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Re: DTE 04-33

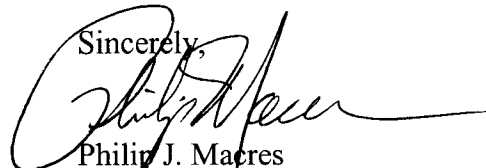
Dear Ms. Cottrell:

ACN Communications Services, Inc.; CTC Communications Corp.; DSLnet Communications, LLC; Focal Communications Corporation of Massachusetts; ICG Telecom Group, Inc.; Lightship Telecom, LLC; PAETEC Communications, Inc.; RCN-BecoCom, LLC, and RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, Inc. (collectively the "Competitive Carrier Coalition" or "Coalition"), by their attorneys, respectfully respond to Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon") Motion to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance until June 15, 2004 ("Motion").

The Coalition would not oppose an abeyance if Verizon would commit not to unilaterally alter the availability of UNEs during the pendency of the stay and the arbitration proceeding. As explained in its Motion to Dismiss, the Coalition believes that this arbitration proceeding should be dismissed and is a waste of the parties' resources. Given this, the Coalition would not oppose Verizon's motion so long as the *status quo* is preserved and no party is prejudiced by the delay in resolving the issues in this proceeding. Verizon has indicated, however, that it is unwilling to make this commitment and for this reason, the Coalition cannot support Verizon's Motion.

Please call the undersigned if you have any questions. An original and one (1) copy of this filing are attached as well as a diskette containing an electronic version of the filing. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the attached self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope

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Sincerely,

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